This is a supplement to the 2012 TAEP Cost Share Application booklet. It is intended to assist producers with completing <u>Application A</u>.

A person must meet the following criteria to be eligible for TAEP cost share:

- Resident of Tennessee
- Operate a farm located in Tennessee
- 18 years of age as of application date
- Have ability and financial capacity to complete projects
- Meet minimum livestock or acreage requirements for each program applied for
- Own land (or family owned) where permanent structures will be built
- Register premises, if livestock are present
- Meet educational certifications for each program applied for
- Provide project cost quotes/diagrams, if required by program applied for

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Social Security Number (SSN) or Federal Tax Identification Number (EIN)

Enter your preferred taxpayer identification number – please list only one.

✓ This number must match the tax number listed on your <u>Substitute W-9 form</u>.

Name

Enter your full legal name. If you are more commonly known by a nickname, please indicate it in parentheses (nickname) next to your legal name. Indicate your <u>title</u> and any <u>suffix</u> you may have.

✓ The name you list on <u>Application A</u> must match the name you list on your <u>Substitute W-9 form</u>. Applicant name must match name on educational certifications, permits, premises registration, and property records, where required for eligibility.

Mailing Address

Enter the address where you receive your mail. <u>TAEP documentation</u> will be sent to this address. This address may be different than your home or farm address.

✓ This mailing address must match the address you list on your <u>Substitute W-9 form</u>.

Residential Address

Enter the address where you live. This address may be the same as your mailing or farm address.

Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail Address
Enter number, including area code.	Enter number, including area code.	Please print clearly.

Full-Time Farmer

Indicate whether you are a full-time farmer by checking "yes" or "no" based upon the definition below.

TAEP defines a full-time farmer as an agricultural producer whose primary occupation is farming and earns the majority (50 percent or more) of his/her income from farming.

2. FARM/PREMISES INFORMATION

- Applicants with livestock must register their premises with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA). Applicant name must match contact name (primary or alternate) listed on premises account to be eligible.
- ❖ The <u>premises account number</u> is tied to the individual; the <u>premises ID number</u> is tied to the farm address.
- An individual can have multiple <u>premises ID numbers</u> if they have multiple farm locations.
- Premises registration forms and instructions are available from TDA by calling (615) 837-5120 or by visiting www.tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/livestock.html.
- If applicant does not have livestock on their operation, list farm address and indicate property ownership only.

Farm Address

Enter the physical address of the farm where your project will be.

✓ The premises ID address must match the farm address listed on the application. If you are applying for more than one program and have multiple premises ID numbers/farm addresses, please indicate which ID/farm address will be used for each program.

Farm County

Indicate the county where your farm is located.

Premises Account Number

Enter your premises account number.

Premises ID Number

Enter your unique 7-character alphanumeric identification.

Property Ownership

Indicate whether you own or lease your farm property.

✓ Applicant or member of the applicant's immediate family must own land where permanent structures will be built. Livestock Equipment projects can be located on leased land. Immediate family members include: spouse; children; parents; siblings; grandparents; grandchildren; great grandparents; and spouse's children, parents, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, great grandparents.

3. APPLICANT CERTIFICATIONS and PERMIT NUMBERS

All certifications, educational courses, and permits must be <u>current</u> and <u>completed by the applicant</u> to qualify. No substitutions allowed.

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)

Cattle/Dairy producers must have current BQA at the date of application. Enter your current certification number and expiration date. Certification must be <u>renewed every two years</u>.

✓ BQA is a two-hour educational course on cattle management and care sponsored by the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA). Contact TCA for additional information on BQA classes at 615-896-2333, info@tncattle.org, www.tncattle.org or your local UT Extension office, utextension.tennessee.edu.

UT Master Beef Producer (MBP)

Indicate whether you have <u>completed</u> or <u>plan to complete</u> this educational program for beef producers.

✓ Certification is required for 50% cost share and must be completed by reimbursement deadline. *If this section is left blank, the applicant will automatically receive the Standard Producer cost share of 35%.*

Dairy Permit Number

Enter TDA dairy permit number (XXX-XXX). Dairies (cattle, goats, and sheep) must be permitted by TDA to be eligible as a dairy under TAEP.

✓ Contact TDA Regulatory Services, Food and Dairy Division, at 615-837-5193, for permit information.

UT Quality Milk Program - Dairy (TQMI)

Indicate whether you have completed or plan to complete this educational program for dairy producers.

✓ Applicant must complete three or more modules to be eligible for 50% cost share. Certification is required for 50% cost share and must be completed by reimbursement deadline. If this section is left blank, the applicant will automatically receive the Standard Producer cost share of 35%.

UT Master Meat Goat Producer (MMGP)

Indicate whether you have <u>completed</u> or <u>plan to complete</u> this educational program for goat producers.

✓ Certification is required for 50% cost share and must be completed by reimbursement deadline. *If this section is left blank, the applicant will automatically receive the Standard Producer cost share of 35%.*

Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA)

Swine producers must have current PQA Plus at the date of application. Enter your current certification number and expiration date. Certification must be renewed every three years.

✓ PQA Plus is a two-hour educational course on swine management and care sponsored by the Tennessee Pork Producers Association (TPPA). Contact TPPA for additional information on PQA classes at 615-274-6533 or tnpork@tds.net.

4. Livestock and Acreage Information

Indicate the <u>type of livestock/acreage</u> on your operation (check box) and list the <u>number of head of livestock/acres</u>.

- ✓ Each program has a minimum number of livestock/acreage requirements. The applicant must meet at least one requirement per program applied for, along with other eligibility requirements.
- ✓ <u>Head of livestock</u> refers to the maximum number of single livestock type, regardless of sex or age, during the last 12 months.
- ✓ Goats/Sheep can be combined to meet minimum number requirement.

5. Cost Share Request Summary

Check Request

Indicate which programs you are applying for by checking "yes" or "no" by each program checkbox.

✓ Applicants who received **Hay Storage** approval in 2011 are not eligible to apply for Hay Storage in 2012.

Priority Rank

Rank the programs checked "yes" by importance for your operation in 2012. Show the rank by circling the number: 1=first priority, 2=second priority, 3=third priority, etc.

Additional Information

Hay Storage, Livestock Feed Storage and Grain Storage programs require a <u>project budget</u> with cost quotes from each vendor (contractor or supplier). The project budget provided will determine the exact amount of cost share allocated for the project.

- ✓ Project Budget Worksheet is available on page 13 of application booklet.
- ✓ Hay Storage allocations are based upon a maximum dollar amount per square foot. See box below.

Cost Quotes

- o Each cost quote needs to include the <u>contact information</u> (name, address, phone number) of the vendor.
- o Cost quotes must be on company letterhead and/or signed by company representative.
- Quotes need to include <u>separate costs for labor and materials</u>, except for Hay Storage.

Labor

- Labor provided by applicant or their employees is not eligible for cost share reimbursement.
- o Reimbursement for labor cannot exceed 30% of total reimbursement, except for Hay Storage.

Diagrams/floor plans

- Encouraged for infrastructure projects
- Required for Commodity Shed projects

Hay Storage – Reimbursement Maximums Per Square Foot			
Maximums	35% - Standard Producer	50% - Master Producer	
Max - \$/square foot	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	
Max - Gravel & Site Prep	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Max - Reimbursement	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	

EXAMPLE CALCULATIONS			
Barn dimensions (L x W = 40 x 60 = 2,400 sq. ft); Material/Labor cost = \$14,000; Gravel & Site Prep = \$1,000			
35% - Standard Producer	50% - Master Producer		
1. Quote/cost per square foot	1. Quote/cost per square foot		
\$14,000/2,400 sq. ft. = \$5.83 sq. ft.	\$14,000/2,400 sq. ft. = \$5.83 sq. ft.		
2. Cost per square foot x 35% Cost Share	2. Cost per square foot x 50% Cost Share		
\$5.83 sq. ft. x 0.35 = \$2.04 (\$2.00 max)	\$5.83 sq. ft. x 0.50 = \$2.92 (\$3.00 max)		
2,400 sq. ft. x \$2.00 = \$4,800	2,400 sq. ft. x \$2.92 = \$7,008		
3. Gravel & Site Prep Cost x 35% Cost Share	3. Gravel & Site Prep Cost x 50% Cost Share		
\$1,000 x 0.35 = \$350 (\$300 max)	\$1,000 x 0.50 = \$500 (\$500 max)		
4. Sq. Ft. Cost (#2) + Gravel & Site Prep Cost (#3)	4. Sq. Ft. Cost (#2) + Gravel & Site Prep Cost (#3)		
\$4,800 + \$300 = \$5,100	\$7,008 + \$500 = \$7,508		
Payment = \$5,100	Payment = \$7,500		

6. APPLICANT AGREEMENT

This section features several important bullet points regarding program participation. Read each line of text. Print your name and date. Sign your name.

7. How to Submit "Application A"

- Review each section of application for completeness.
- Double check your priority ranking in Section 5.
- Attach Substitute W-9 form (page 14).
- Attach cost quotes, project budget worksheet, and diagrams where required.
- NO FAXES OR EMAILS ACCEPTED Applications are only accepted by mail or hand delivery.
- Applicants may only submit one <u>Application A</u> per premises or property, per household, per business, per application period.
- Applications must be postmarked <u>June 1-7, 2012</u> or hand delivered during the same period.
- Applications received <u>before or after</u> the application period are ineligible.

Hand Delivery

Applications may be hand delivered to the <u>TAEP</u> office, which is located in the <u>Holeman Building</u> at the Ellington Agricultural Center.

The <u>physical</u> address is: 440 Hogan Rd., Nashville, TN 37220

Mail

Send Application A to:

TN Dept of Agriculture Attn: TAEP 2012-A P.O. Box 40627 Nashville, TN 37204

Approval Notifications

Applicants will be notified in writing of approval or denial. Allow ten weeks for application processing.

Substitute W-9 Form (page 14)

This form is used to obtain the applicant's taxpayer identification number and certification. Submit this form along with <u>Application A</u>. Funds received as a result of TAEP reimbursement are taxable. Participants will receive Form 1099-G for payments over \$600.00.

- 1. General Information: Enter your legal name. Enter your mailing address.
 - ✓ Reimbursement checks will be mailed to this address. *Mailing address should match mailing address provided on Application A.*
- 2. Circle the most appropriate category below: Complete only one.
- 3. Fill in your taxpayer identification number below: Complete only one.
 - ✓ Taxpayer identification number should match number provided on <u>Application A</u>.
- **4. Sign and date the form:** Signature must match taxpayer name listed above.